



Municipal Liability Defences

Section 532 of the *Municipal Government Act* requires local governments to reasonably maintain public property, including rights-of-way and public utilities. If failing to do so leads to an injury or damage, a municipality could be liable unless it can prove it:

- ✓ took reasonable steps to prevent disrepair.
- ✓ did not know or should not have known about the disrepair.
- ✓ was not involved in acts or omissions done by other entities that also have a legal right to the property.
- ✓ was not notified of the incident by the plaintiff within 30 days.